
Title: Iolo

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Iolo Fitzowen, a bowmaker
and wandering minstrel of
great repute, is known to
all Britannia. Iolo was
brought to our fair land
by Lord British and the
Orb of the Moons, as
was his wife, Gwenno.
As long as he has been
in our land, first Sosaria,
and now Britannia, Iolo
has sought to bring music
to its peoples. During the
Three Ages of Darkness,
he travelled to many
cities, bringing his tales
in the form of songs. It
was during this time that
he met Shamino, who
would become one of his
closest friends, and most
trusted companions. As
they both moved from
place to place, they often
accompanied one another,
and their friendship grew.
After the fall of Exodus,
when Britannia was
founded, Iolo settled in
Britain, the City of
Compassion. There he
helped the children spread
Compassion to all through
their songs, until the
Hero arrived on his quest
for Avatarhood, and asked
Iolo to join him. Iolo
agreed, and followed the
Hero through mountains
high and dungeons deep,
until at last his quest
was attained.
When the Avatar had
left the world and the
Codex raised from the
Abyss, Iolo made his new
home in the Forest of
Yew, southeast of Empath

Abbey, where dwelt also
the talking horse Smith.
He also created Iolo's
Bows in Britain, in which
he was aided by his wife
Gwenno. When Blacktorne
assumed the throne when
Lord British was lost,
and the Shadowlords
roamed the lands, Iolo
was made a wanted man,
and here he stayed, only
venturing out when he
and the other Companions
summoned the Avatar.
And it was here that the
Avatar came, carrying
Shamino, who had been
struck down by the
Shadowlords. At this time
Iolo once again joined the
Avatar in his quest, this
time to save Lord British
and Britannia. At last
they succeeded, and the
Avatar returned to his
world, and Iolo to his
home in the Forest of
Yew.

Until the Avatar's next
visit, Iolo continued to
work at his shop in
Britain, creating the
finest bows and
crossbows in the land.
But when the Gargoyles
summoned the Avatar to
their land in an attempt
to kill him, Iolo, along
with Shamino and Dupre,
rescued the Avatar, a
bolt from Iolo's crossbow
killing the Gargoyle priest
instants before he would
have plunged the
sacrificial dagger into the
Avatar's heart. Iolo
accompanied the Avatar
on this quest, and helped
him to save Britannia
from peril once again.
During the Avatar's two
century absence, Iolo
continued to live in his
home in the ever
shrinking Yew, though he
took long trips to many
cities, including Trinsic.

Also during this time Iolo opened a new Iolo's branch, called Iolo's South, on the Isle of Deeds, near Serpent's Hold. His business in Britain flourished as well, and his newest invention, the triple-crossbow, sold well. During his last visit to Trinsic, Iolo's wife Gwenno journeyed to Buccaneer's Den, where she was searching for, and indeed found, information concerning the legendary Serpent Isle. Upon his return to his home in Yew, Iolo found a note telling where she had gone.

While visiting in Trinsic, the Avatar mysteriously appeared through a red moongate, which was later found to be the Time Lord's doing. Iolo and the Avatar set off to investigate a gruesome murder of the blacksmith Christopher and a wingless gargoyle. This lead them, along with the other Companions, to discover the true nature of the Fellowship, and the Guardian's plot to enter Brittania through the Black Gate. Iolo aided the Avatar in thwarting the Guardian's evil plans, and Brittania was safe once again.

When the Guardian trapped the entire castle within the huge Blackrock Gem, Iolo was trapped as well, along with the Avatar and many others. He was quick to give his friend advice and training as the Avatar braved the many perils before him, journeying to other worlds through the gem, in hope that he could somehow break the Guardian's power over the

Gem, which at last he did.

The last adventure of the intrepid bard was to the Serpent Isle, in a search to find his wife, Gwenno, and Batlin, who had escaped before the destruction of the Black Gate eighteen months earlier. While in Fawn, city of Beauty, Iolo was given the white diamond necklace by Lady Yelinda, ruler of Fawn, to give to Gwenno when she was found. It was during this time that he was possessed by the Bane of Chaos known as Madness, and destroyed the City of Fawn. The Avatar eventually exorcised the Bane from his friend's body, freeing him. Iolo was finally reunited with his beloved Gwenno on Monk Isle, after he was freed from the Bane. Iolo followed the Avatar to Sunset Isle and the Grand Shrine of Balance, until the Avatar entered the void and was taken away by the Guardian.